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The Kern County Civil Service opened a hearing today on an appeal by a fired Probation Department worker who contended he was fired because of nationwide notoriety about his former connection with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Scott Barns, 31, of Kernville contended he was dismissed from his part-time job with the probation department in January and blocked from full-time employment because of network television accounts of his activities with the CIA.

He is appealing the firing on grounds that he was dismissed without cause and that he was singled out by county officials. He said county officials knew of his background before he was hired.

However, T. Glen Brown, head of the probation department, said in a letter to the commission that Scott was fired after a background check showed he had been fired from other law enforcement jobs and he failed to disclose details of his career on his job application.